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Students write their fears and hopes on posters adorning the columns in Lobby 7 after Trump wins the presidential election.

LENNY MARTINEZ—THE TECH

Hope, fear featured in Lobby 7 gathering after Trump elected

*MIT GOP group warns members
of verbal attacks in the coming days*

By Vivian Zhong
NEWS EDITOR

U.S. presidents may come and go, but MIT will always be a place where people “work together to make a better world,” President L. Rafael Reif wrote in an email to the MIT community yesterday night.

Wednesday morning, following the election of Donald J. Trump to American presidency, posters bearing the words “Share Your Hopes” and “Share Your Fears” appeared around the pillars in Lobby 7. Throughout the day, the dome-capped hall thronged with members of the MIT community, writing and reading the thoughts displayed on the columns.

These thought-spaces were the initiative of Caroline Mak '18, who together with friends realized shortly

after midnight on Wednesday that the MIT community would need a cathartic medium for expressing their reactions to the results of the presidential election.

Mak said that being at the watch party organized by the MIT Democrats Club on election night was really helpful in motivating her to act. “I pushed myself to accept it faster than I would have on my own. I wanted to be prepared,” she said.

“People were breaking down and crying and it was really stressful,” Mak added. The posters were originally intended to simply be a sign welcoming passersby to a post-election gathering of students, but eventually they got the idea to use it as a venue for people to share their thoughts. Chris

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New House to be fully renovated, Houses 1, 2 will be open 2017-18

Renovations to finish Aug. '19, staggered over 2 phases

By Rose Wang

Planners from the Office of Campus Planning and MIT Capital Projects groups have recommended that MIT fully renovate and repair New House instead of rebuilding it, Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart PhD '88 and Vice President of Student Life Suzy Nelson informed New House residents in an email Sunday.

A feasibility study carried out by the planners determined that rebuilding would result in significantly higher costs than renovation. A staggered renovation schedule, devised by Jag Patel, director of special projects in the office of the chancellor, will permit Houses 1 and 2 to remain open for the upcoming academic year,

relieving some of the relocation pressure.

The Enrollment Management Group has determined that MIT will not need to lower the number of freshmen that it accepts to the Class of 2021 as a result of the partial closure of New House.

Houses 3 through 6 will undergo extensive heating and cooling system repairs, but repairs for House 3 will not take place while students are living in Houses 1 and 2. The renovation work will start in June 2017 and is estimated to end in August 2019. Each house will need two summers and a full academic year for reconstruction.

Current House 2 residents will move out at the end of the year, with German House and French House residents moving in for a

year while their own residence sections, Houses 5 and 6, undergo construction. After Houses 3 through 6 finish renovation, work will begin on Houses 1 and 2.

“We’ve found a home for all these groups in New House. What we’re now working on with the matching is what kind of things should happen in the house that’s hosting New House which could make it a better experience for them,” said Nelson in an interview with *The Tech*.

The Division of Student Life has assured that they will be able to accommodate all New House residents based on the results from a survey that was sent around the dorm. Cultural houses and other

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BOYCOTT!

Seniors might consider boycotting the senior gift until the moratorium on freshmen at Senior House is lifted.

“What do people think about withholding their gifts until Senior Haus has freshmen again on its terms?” Marcus S. Boorstin '17 asked on the class Facebook page.

He posited that that particular form of protest might actually cause change since “the MIT Corporation actually listens to money.”

IN SHORT

Cosi in Kendall Square has closed.

Alan Davidson, head of Google's Public Policy, will speak at the second UA Unconventional Alumni Speaker event today at 5 p.m. in room 4-237.

Shuttle service to Logan Airport will be provided for the Thanksgiving Break for \$15.

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JULIA M. FIKSINSKI

Jimmy Handy '18, Peter Downs '18, and Sarah Melvin '18 pose behind a cake at the Senior House Centennial this Saturday, Nov. 5. Senior House alumni Mark Feldmeier '96, Melinda Cross, and Zach Barryte made the cake to commemorate the occasion.

Forecasters failed to call the 2016 election; here's why the data failed

Experts cite 'overselling of precision' as part of the problem

By Steve Lohr and Natasha Singer

NEW YORK TIMES

It was a rough night for number crunchers. And for the faith that people in every field — business, politics, sports and academia — have increasingly placed in the power of data.

Donald Trump's victory ran counter to almost every major forecast — undercutting the belief that analyzing reams of data can accu-

ately predict events. Voters demonstrated how much predictive analytics, and election forecasting in particular, remains a young science: Some people may have been misled into thinking Hillary Clinton's win was assured because some of the forecasts lacked context explaining potentially wide margins of error.

“It's the overselling of precision,” said Dr. Pradeep Mutalik, a research scientist at the Yale Center for Medical Informatics, who had calculated that some of the vote models could

be off by 15 percent to 20 percent.

Virtually all the major vote forecasters, including Nate Silver's FiveThirtyEight site, The New York Times' Upshot and the Princeton Election Consortium, put Clinton's chances of winning in the 70 percent to 99 percent range.

The election prediction business is one small aspect of a far-reaching change across industries that have increasingly become obsessed with

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FOREIGN PHYSICS

Working in a research lab in Russia.

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DONALD TRUMP IS PRESIDENT

Read the reaction. **OPINION, p. 6**

NOT SO COMPOSTABLE

It's more complicated than you think. **OPINION, p. 7**



ROMEO AND JULIET

Two people fall in love, you'll never guess what happens next.

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GO LOOK AT ART

At the MFA. You really needed to be told that.

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Clear and cold weather during the weekend

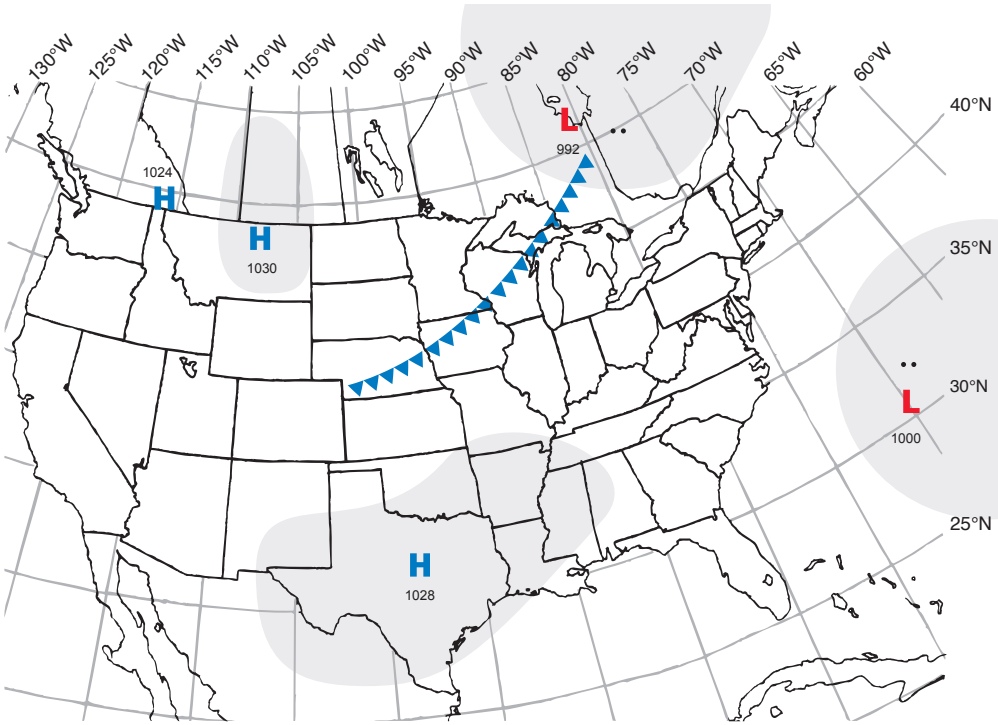
By Erik Lindgren
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

A cold front swept through the area on Wednesday, and it will be followed by high pressure and mostly clear skies on Thursday. The high pressure system over Montana and low pressure system over southern Hudson Bay will both shift east during Veterans Day, and the cyclonic flow from the low pressure system will bring us cold air from the northwest. This cold front is expected to pass through the area on Friday evening and give us temperatures close to freezing on Friday night, and low temperatures on Saturday. The southeastward moving high pressure system will build up dur-












ing its passage over the Great Lakes early Saturday, and the westerly flow caused by it will bring dry, warmer air into the area on Sunday. Expect mostly clear skies throughout the weekend. The dry air and clear skies are expected to persist through Tuesday.
Except for Friday night and Saturday, the temperatures are normal for this time of year: climatological mean high and low temperatures are 53°F and 40°F, respectively. While we experienced more rain than usual in October, the yearly accumulation is significantly lower than climatology: 27 compared to 37 inches. This is still far from the lowest recorded precipitation accumulation at this time of year, which was 20.27 inches in 1965.

Extended Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high around 53°F (12°C). NW winds at around 10 mph changing to SW in the afternoon.
Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 44°F (7°C). SW winds at around 10 mph.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and breezy with NW winds at 15-20 mph. High 57°F (14°C).
Saturday: Sunny with a high around 44°F (7°C)
Sunday: Sunny with a high around 54°F (12°C).



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, November 10, 2016

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Trump beat the odds and won

Data science doesn't give answers, but probabilities

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data, the value of it and the potential to mine it for cost-saving and profit-making insights. It is a behind-the-scenes technology that quietly drives everything from the ads that people see online to billion-dollar acquisition deals.

All kinds of companies and institutions use data quietly and behind the scenes to make predictions about human behavior. But only occasionally — as with Tuesday's election results — do consumers get a glimpse of how these formulas work and the extent to which they can go wrong.

This week's failed election predictions suggest that the rush to exploit data may have outstripped the ability to recognize its limits.

The danger, data experts say, lies in trusting the data analysis too much without grasping its limitations and the potentially flawed assumptions of the people who build predictive models.

The technology can be, and is, enormously useful. "But the key thing to understand is that data science is a tool that is not necessarily going to give you answers, but probabilities," said Erik Brynjolfsson, a professor at the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Brynjolfsson said that people often do not understand that if the chance that something will happen is 70 percent, that means there is a 30 percent chance it will not occur. The election performance, he said, is "not

really a shock to data science and statistics. It's how it works."

Silver, the founder of FiveThirtyEight, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment. Amanda Cox, the editor of The Upshot, and Wang of the Princeton Election Consortium said state polling errors were largely to blame for the underestimates of Trump's chances of winning.

"If we could go back to the world of reporting being about the candidates and the parties and the issues at stake instead of the incessant coverage of every little blip in the polls, we would all be better off," said Thomas E. Mann, an election expert at the Brookings Institution. "They are addictive, and it takes the eye off the ball."

Staggered fix will reduce the crunch

Some Houses will stay together

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living groups that wish to stay together are likely to remain together in their new dorms.

DSL has determined that there will be enough space in cook-for-yourself dorms, such as East Campus and Burton Conner, to accommodate all groups that wish to live in a cook-for-yourself dorm.

DSL is also willing to review, on a case by case basis, situations where students would like to stay with their friend groups in dining dorms but cannot afford a meal plan.

"We've been going around and talking to all the dorms to figure out what are the expectations and reasonable standards for any dorm," Nelson added. "East Campus has fairly large singles [of over 180 square feet], but the thing that also has to be factored in is how many bathrooms, sinks, fixtures, graduate student apartments are there, things that we would say enhance the quality of life."

The Architectural Principles committee previously determined that the 90 sq ft should be the minimum amount of room space allotted per student.

McCormick Hall will remain all-female, as mandated by its founding charter. The dorm will be expecting either small groups of female New House residents or additional freshmen.

DSL intends to offer improve-


ments to dorms who take in New House students. Possibilities being considered include adding new GRT apartments, kitchens, and lounges.

Campus dorm representatives have created groups including the W70 New House Renovation Planning Group and the New Residences Working Group Committee to actively engage the MIT community throughout the beginning stages of this housing change. They are meant to facilitate relocation planning, identify areas for improvements as well as represent residents from various dorms.

DSL has requested that dorm heads of house and exec work with their residents in coming up with a preliminary plan for welcoming and accommodating New House residents around mid-November. Nelson hopes to be able to give New House residents a sense of their re-housing options before the Thanksgiving break.

Nelson commented on how "open and nice and kind" students have been in dealing with the situation, praising their willingness to "roll up their sleeves and think about creative ways to welcome New House students."


More information about the logistics and general housing guidelines can be found in the Architectural Principles for MIT Undergraduate Residences report available online.



Welcome, Dean Nelson!

The MIT community is invited to an afternoon of autumn appetizers, desserts, and beverages as we welcome Suzy Nelson, Vice President and Dean for Student Life, to MIT.

Monday, Nov. 14, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Vest Student Street
Stata Center (Bldg. 32)



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Solution to Shiba Inu

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Solution to Wing It

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Therapy dogs join students in Lobby 7 gathering

MIT Democrats recognize they need to listen: ‘that’s democracy at work,’ Mak said

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Peterson, assistant director at MIT Admissions, and President Reif both offered their support. “My hope for this was to allow

people to have a moment to talk about it, to have a moment to listen and process,” Mak said. “There are Trump supporters on here, writing that they hope for that too. They came by and they were visibly shak-

en because they’d never seen this before.” Mak also highlighted that it is imperative for liberals and Democrats to not disregard the opinions and perspectives of Trump support-

ers as invalid simply because the former consider the latter racist or sexist. “If Clinton had won, do you think we’d be having these conversations about their genuine concerns?” she pointed out. “I wouldn’t.” “That’s democracy at work,” she asserted. “They felt like they weren’t being heard. And now they’re being heard, for better or worse, at the expense of a lot of people being afraid. And I believe everyone should be heard... we need to have constructive dialogue.”

The posters sported a range of statements, from “Thank you Hillary Clinton!” and “Hopeful that we won’t give up!” to “Make America Great Again” and “I hope weed stays legal.”

In addition to the posters, the MIT Puppy Lab relocated their weekly therapy dog session to Lobby 7 by request of MIT’s MindHear- tHand Initiative.

The Tech also reached out to the MIT Democrats Club and the MIT Republican Club (MITGOP) for comment.

In an email to *The Tech*, MIT Democrats co-president Davi da Silva G said that he was “completely disgusted, but trying to look ahead to the work we have to do now.”

Jonathan Hurowitz ’18, president of MITGOP, wrote, “With a Republican government in both chambers of Congress and the presidency, as well as a likely conservative Supreme Court, I am looking forward to the enactment of several years of proactive, common-sense legis- lation as well as the repeal and re- placement of hurtful measures like Obamacare and the Iran deal.”

In an email to the club, Hurowitz wrote: “As Republicans, and many of you, Donald Trump voters, you may be verbally attacked or harassed in the upcoming week. Please take the high road and remember to be civil to your peers.”

Before being revived by co-presi- dents Davi da Silva G, Caroline Mak ’18, and Adam Hasz G, MIT Demo- crats had been inactive for over a decade. MITGOP has been active on and off since 2003.

“There’s more political engage- ment at MIT than people think,” da Silva said in an interview with *The Tech* before polls closed Tues-

day night. He and his co-presidents brought back MIT Democrats to provide busy students who are inter- ested in politics with “something to just plug into,” allowing them focus their efforts and get involved with the campaign without needing to expend too much time and effort.

There’s also a social aspect to the club, which da Silva hopes will help foster an atmosphere of ac- ceptance, rather than antagonism, toward conservatives on a liberal campus in a liberal state.

In a similar vein, Hurowitz said that he hopes “the political atmo- sphere at MIT will be more open to positive, political discussion,” noting that he and other Republicans have at times been afraid to openly voice their political opinions.

Hurowitz estimated that 18 per- cent of the MIT community consid- ers themselves conservative, and that roughly 90 percent of MITGOP members may have supported Trump over Clinton.

Last weekend as well as on Elec- tion Day, MIT Democrats arranged an MIT trip to southern New Hamp- shire, in coordination with the Clin- ton campaign office next to Tosca- nini’s. Da Silva said that about 15 students went on Saturday to knock on doors of pre-identified Clinton supporters or likely supporters.

The volunteers’ job was to en- courage supporters in the swing state to commit to actually voting. Their job was not to convince Trump supporters or undecided voters.

The MITGOP did not endorse a candidate or explicitly organize campaigning efforts, according to Hurowitz, but he himself “passed on a substantial number of vol- unteer opportunities for Donald Trump in MA and NH.”

“My general reaction now is that I feel betrayed,” a student at the Lobby 7 gathering, who wished to remain anonymous, told *The Tech*. “This is not what I was promised about America. I never thought I would wake up and feel unsafe and that I would feel afraid for my friends.”

Around 11 p.m. Wednesday, a man walked down Lobby 7 and tore two of the “Share Your Hopes” posters.

A few professors granted exten- sions on psets in response to elec- tion results.

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A 6-panel comic strip about early computer programming. The characters are a man and a woman.

Panel 1: The man asks, "WHAT WERE THINGS LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS? I HEAR YOU HAD TO... COMPILE THINGS FOR DIFFERENT PROCESSORS?" The woman replies, "YEAH."

Panel 2: The man asks, "TO COMPILE YOUR CODE, YOU HAD TO MAIL IT TO IBM. TOOK 4-6 WEEKS." The woman replies, "BEFORE GARBAGE COLLECTION, DATA WOULD PILE UP UNTIL THE COMPUTER GOT FULL AND YOU HAD TO THROW IT AWAY."

Panel 3: The woman is shown alone, looking thoughtful.

Panel 4: The man asks, "EARLY COMPILERS COULD HANDLE CODE FINE, BUT COMMENTS HAD TO BE WRITTEN IN ASSEMBLY." The woman replies, "C COULD ONLY BE WRITTEN ON PUNCH CARDS. YOU HAD TO PICK A COMPACT FONT, OR YOU'D ONLY FIT A FEW CHARACTERS PER CARD."

Panel 5: The man asks, "C++ WAS BIG BECAUSE IT SUPPORTED FLOPPY DISKS." The woman replies, "IT STILL JUST PUNCHED HOLES IN THEM, BUT IT WAS A START."

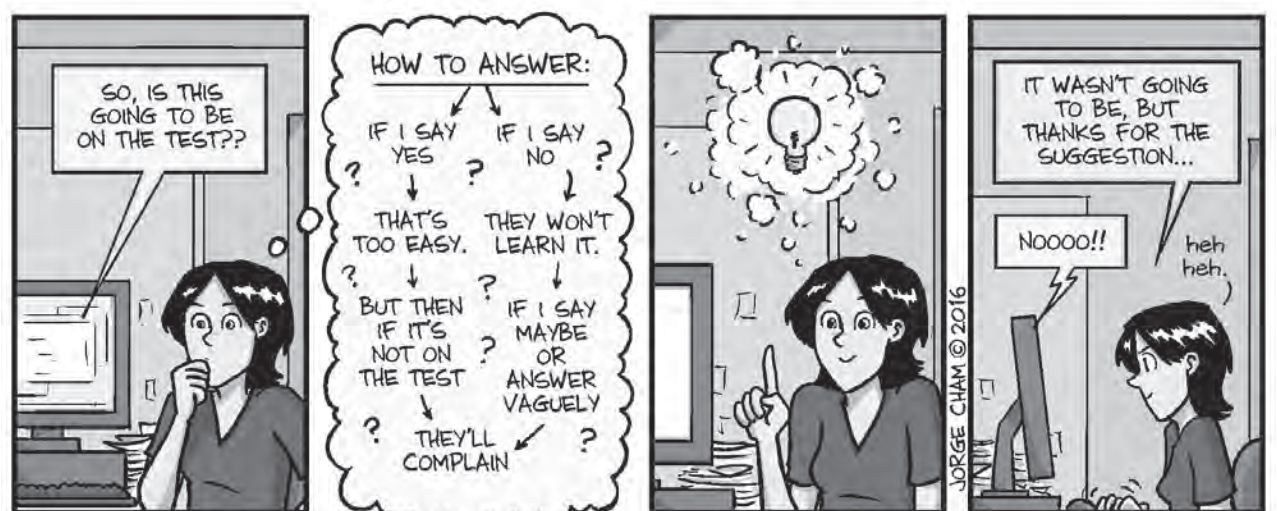
Panel 6: The man says, "WOW."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Long term solution needed for MIT campus waste disposal

By Erin Reynolds

Approximately 100 billion pounds of food are thrown out every year, accounting for 30 to 40 percent of the available food supply. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that food accounts for 21 percent of the waste sent to landfills and incinerators, the largest percentage for any single material in the waste stream.

Food waste decomposes anaerobically in landfills, releasing methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Composting diverts food waste from landfills and turns it into a useful product. Compost made from food waste is valuable to farmers and provides an environmentally friendly alternative to artificial fertilizers.

However, the rate of composting in the United States remains abysmally low. In 2013, only five percent of food waste was composted. In contrast, Austria composted 34 percent of its municipal solid waste in 2011. To address this problem, Massachusetts enacted an organics waste ban on organizations that generate more than one ton of food waste per week, including supermarkets and universities like MIT.

Recently, composting has become more difficult in the Boston area, and MIT's composting rules have changed as a result. In previous years, napkins, compostable utensils, cups, and dishware were compostable through MIT's system. But as of this fall, only pure food waste is being accepted. That means if you throw a piece of compostable dishware or napkin into a green compost bin, the compost will be considered "contaminated" and will be sent to a landfill.

If you are outraged by this change in policy, you are not alone. UA Sustainability has spent the last few years trying to spread the use of compostable dishware across campus, and has now been forced to retract the program. Facilities is at a loss, and is working to find alternative solutions. To understand why the composting rules at MIT have changed, it is necessary to step back and look at the wider context of composting in the Boston area.

This past summer, the composting facilities that serve MIT stopped accepting compostable dishware and now only accept pure food waste. MIT's compost is hauled by Casella Waste Systems Inc. and distributed to several facilities. Casella breaks MIT's waste into two streams, Front of House and Back of

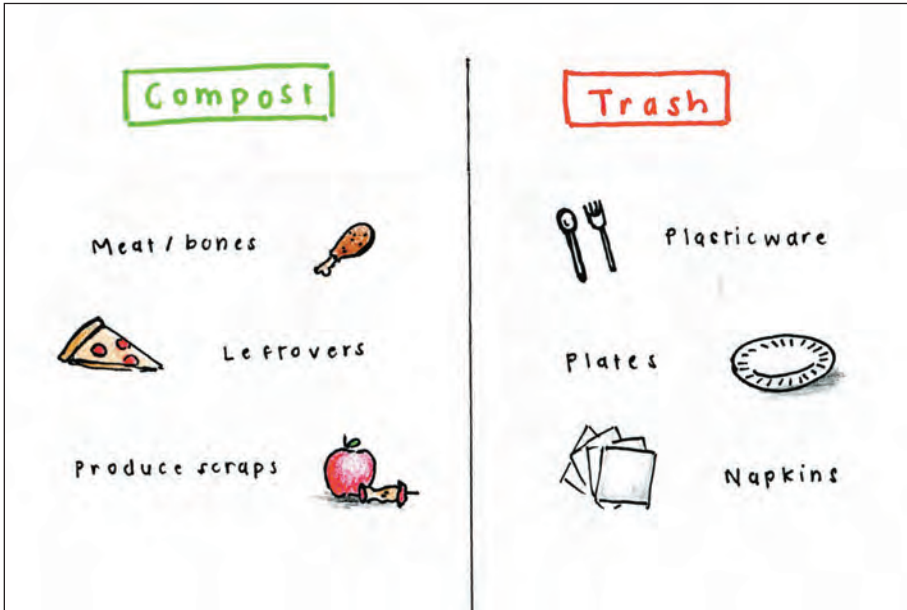


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House. Back of House compost is generated in the kitchens during food preparation, and consists of 100 percent food waste. Front of House compost includes the green bins in the infinite, Student Center, Stata, and dining halls. These bins rely on students to accurately sort waste, and tend to contain a higher percentage of compostable dishware and a higher percentage of contamination from trash. In the past, Casella sent Back of House compost directly to farms and sent Front of House compost to industrial composting facilities. The compost needs to be separated because compostable dishware is more difficult to break down than food waste-- dishware requires higher temperatures and ideally preprocessing steps which can only be attained at industrial composting facilities. When facilities in the Boston area stopped accepting compostable dishware, there was nowhere for Casella to send MIT's Front of House compost, and Casella was forced to send it to landfills.

But why did facilities stop accepting compostable dishware in the first place? The answer is not straightforward. The supply of compost and the demand for compost processing has risen much faster than the capacity of the composting facilities in the Northeast. As a result, there are plenty of places piloting compostable dishware programs, such as the local restaurant Clover or UA Sustainability's own compostable dish-

ware program, but the infrastructure does not exist to process the compost stream. As the supply of compost increases relative to the demand for compost from the facilities, facilities can become choosier about what type of compost they accept. Facilities would rather accept pure food waste than mixed compostable dishware and food because food breaks down more quickly and creates higher quality compost than mixed waste. Additionally, when compost includes compostable dishware it is more likely to contain contamination from non-biodegradable materials.

Clover and other businesses in Cambridge are experiencing similar problems with composting. Clover switched to 100 percent compostable packaging in 2010, a program that costs the company over \$200,000 a year to maintain. Ayr Muir, Clover's CEO, believed the cost was worth the environmental benefit. But in June 2016, Muir discovered that Save That Stuff (STS), the company that hauls Clover's compost, had been throwing Clover's compost in the trash. STS had broke its compost into two streams: dirty and clean. Clover was on the dirty route because its compost was sometimes contaminated with trash. STS sent the dirty compost to an industrial composting facility in central Massachusetts, WeCare Environmental.

Unfortunately, WeCare had a falling out

with STS earlier this year. STS claimed that WeCare had become unreliable, while WeCare argued the STS had gone months without paying fees. STS broke off relations with WeCare and declared that from this point forward it will only accept food scraps. STS is a prominent compost hauler the Boston area and this decision affects the fate of many local composting programs, including MIT's. According to Adam Mitchell, a STS executive, the economics don't make sense for the company to encourage customers to use compostable dishware. In his opinion, the risk of contamination does more environmental harm than good.

However, Nora Goldstein of Biocycle magazine disagrees that accepting compostable dishware is a fundamental problem with the composting industry. She interviewed Carla Castagnero, president of AgRecycle, an organics collection and composting company in Pittsburgh. According to Castagnero, AgRecycle has been successfully accepting compostable dishware in their compost for over a decade. She says her company has no magic secret, just a simple set of rules. They pre-grind their compostable items (such as cups and cardboard) to decrease breakdown time, they ensure their piles reach the correct temperatures, and they work with their customers to emphasize appropriate signage and education to reduce contamination. AgRecycle found that accepting compostable dishware and Front of House collection increased food scrap capture by 78 percent. By refusing to accept compostable dishware, composting companies could be losing out on a huge portion of potential food scraps. There is hope for compostable dishware, but for the time being the Boston area seems to be stepping away from that direction.

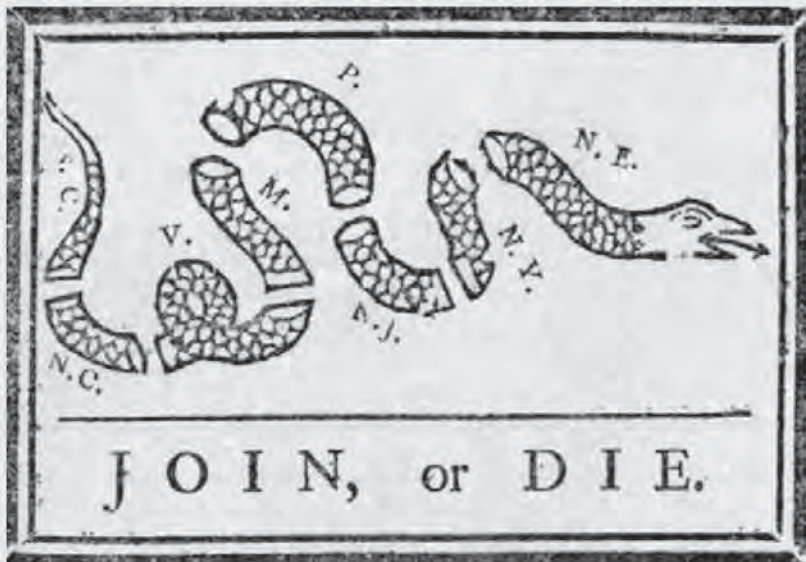
Casella will “continue to monitor the marketplace for new facilities that might be able to accept these items in the future,” Abbie Webbs, Sustainability Director of Casella said. As MIT and Casella work toward finding a long-term solution to campus waste disposal, here are some steps you can take to help reduce waste in the meantime: use reusable utensils and dishware as often as possible, compost only food waste in the green bins around campus, and spread the word about the changes in our composting system.

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Election 2016

Some students reacted with shock, others with fear and sadness, and still others with hope after Tuesday's election results. In Lobby 7, papers were hung on which students shared and responded to each others' hopes and fears.



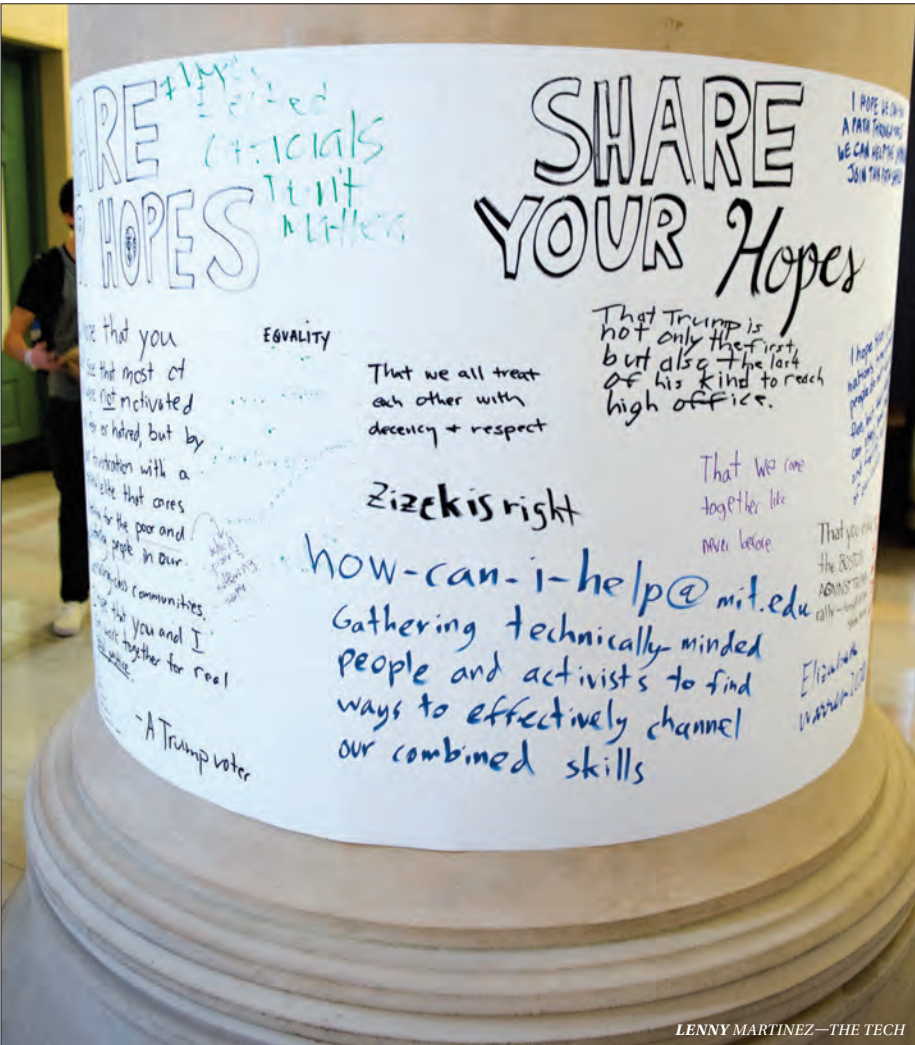
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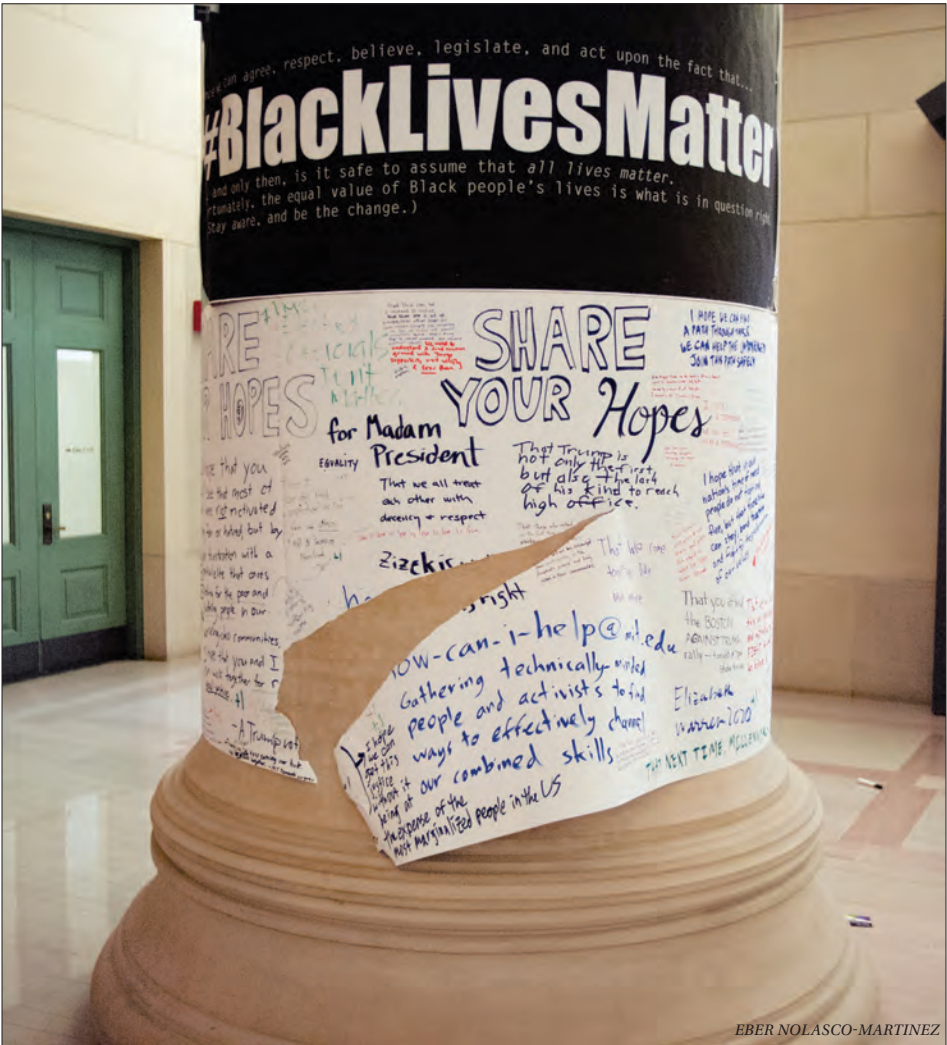
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Humorous yet poignant, Imogen Cooper delivers a charming performance

Imogen Cooper, Piano

Presented by Celebrity Series of Boston

Performed by Imogen Cooper

New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

Nov. 5, 2016

MOVIE REVIEW

Mel Gibson's graphic yet moving tribute to the sacrifices of war

Regarded as one of the finest interpreters of Classical and Romantic repertoire, **pianist Imogen Cooper is internationally renowned** for her virtuosity and lyricism.

Before the credits roll, a few real-life images are shown with text beneath explaining the aftermath of it all. Spliced in are clips of interviews with the real Desmond Doss and it is with his personal description of the very same events that have just unfolded on screen that the reality and gravity of his bravery in the face of unspeakable danger truly hits home.

Now Playing

Tiger Style! is a raucous comedy that touches upon deep issues

By Mike Lew

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By Alexandra Sourakov
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EXHIBIT REVIEW

A collection of works by William Merritt Chase is on display at the MFA

“William Merritt Chase”

Museum of Fine Arts

On view through Jan. 16, 2017

By Tara Lee
EDITOR

and the question of what happens *after* the alleged Carnegie Hall recitals and Ivy League college graduations, but also the identity conundrum that faces Asian-Americans in the 21st century.

Siblings Albert (Jon Norman Schneider) and Jennifer (Ruibao Qian) are third-generation Americans, and yet every day, they are forced to face the fact that those around them do not see them as Americans, either in their personal or their professional lives. When they decide to confront the problem, they find that the problem is not only how others view them, but also how they view themselves.

Albert is a programmer, who has become used to swallowing his emotions as he is continuously passed over for promotion, despite generating all of the company's software. One day, he comes to work to find that his incompetent, American coworker (Bryan T. Donovan) has been promoted above him. Jennifer is a doctor with a carefully detailed life-plan which has been completely derailed by her breakup with her good-for-nothing American boyfriend (Bryan T. Donovan), who says he thought she would have been "more exotic but at the same time, more submissive" (the reaction of the audience to this line was priceless).

Jon Norman Schneider and Francis Jue in *Tiger Style!*

After receiving no sympathy from their parents, they change tactics and decide to go “full Western,” which, for Jennifer, means going to see a therapist and, for Albert, being insubordinate at work. When this approach fails dismally, they swing to the other extreme and “go full Eastern,” in an equally farcical trip to China.

On occasion, the roles were a bit over-played, almost forced, and some antics were over-the-top, crossing the fine threshold between wit and slapstick.

THEATER REVIEW

Bertolt Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*

By Mariam Dogar

Two figures in a comforting embrace slowly spin together. They pat each other's backs, going around in circles over and over again.

There's a loud explosion. A flash of light, and then darkness ensues.

This sets off the chain of heart-wrenching and contentious events that eventually turns the city of Chicago over to the mobster Arturo Ui and his volatile gang. In this telling of political thuggery, *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* is injected with humor in a way that makes it easy to forget the seriousness and wrongness of what is unfolding in the play. However, the final, chilling moments are sobering, a scene of the dead and weak on the floor at Arturo's feet.

Arturo Ui is saturated with historical importance. It is a satirical allegory of the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany prior to World War II. Written by Bertolt Brecht, *Arturo Ui* first premiered in West Germany in 1958. Bertolt Brecht fled Germany to escape Hitler's reign, moving to Scandinavia and eventually the U.S.

(Riley Ledezma '16) represents Ernst Röhm, Dogsborough represents General von Hindenburg, a hero of World War I and the President of the Weimar Republic, Givola (Ruth Tweedy '20) represents the master propagandist Joseph Goebbels, and the Cauliflower Trust represents the Prussian Junkers. Chicago is the play's version of Germany, Cicero is meant to be Austria, and the Warehouse represents the Reichstag.

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui

Performed by Dramashop

Directed by Jay Scheib

Nov. 3 - 8, 8 - 10 p.m.

Kresge Little Theater

fect of the play.

The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui closes November 8, election night, in Kresge Auditorium, which is also a local polling station. This is no coincidence — *Arturo Ui* is a very political work, equally entertaining, impressive, and thought-provoking.

A MISTI SUMMER

I can see Russia from my lab

A summer in Moscow

By Leah Goggin

I spent my summer at the National Nuclear Research University MEPhI in the southern outskirts of Moscow, Russia. The Kremlin was just barely visible across Kolomenskoe Park on a clear day. My labmates had a telescope pointed at it and got a kick out of showing every visitor who passed through.

I worked in the Laser Diagnostics Lab writing software for a laser interferometer. Interferometry is a technique in which a beam of light with known properties is modified, in this case by changing the frequency, and the resulting interference pattern is then studied. My lab's interferometer used the Doppler effect to measure the speed of a shockwave through a material which has applications to fusion physics.

The lab was similar to any in the U.S., though maybe more hierarchical and with later work hours. I found that the divide between physicists and programmers was a far bigger challenge than Russians vs. Americans, albeit with an extra layer of complication, courtesy of the language barrier. My labmates were much better at English than I was at Russian, but their technical vocabulary was mostly limited to physics. One highlight of the barrier was a team effort between me and a grad student to fix some settings on my computer, which had Russian as its system language, using instructions written in English. Some things can be communicated via charades, but "environment variable" is not one of those things.

Outside of work, the language barrier continued to be a challenge. The first three days were by far the hardest — food, water, internet, phone service, power outlets, laundry, and ATMs were all adventures. I didn't bring any water my first night and had been warned not to drink from the faucet, and I had no idea there was a 24-hour grocery store a hundred feet up the road. Once I *did* find the grocery store, my first few visits caused delays at the register until I figured out that

you're supposed to weigh your own produce, and you have to bring a passport to buy energy drinks because the cashier refuses to be convinced they're not alcoholic.

Being totally responsible for myself while simultaneously having no clue what I was doing made me better at going with the flow and accepting that sometimes I'm going to be the person in the way or holding up the line. Of course I'd rather not make other people's lives more difficult, but sometimes it's going to happen anyway, and this experience helped me stop agonizing over every little faux pas I make. I've gained a lot of sympathy for people who are far from home and don't know the language or how to get around.

My Russian wasn't good enough to have a conversation deeper than "Does this bus go to Kashirskaya?" with anyone who didn't speak English, so most of the cultural quirks I noticed were oddly specific superficial traits. Your average Muscovite, in my experience, hates rain, loves sour cream, probably has a Chihuahua, and drives like the highway is a Mario Kart track and they're here to win. If they're male, they can do an ungodly number of pull-ups and there's a statistically significant chance they're wearing Adidas; if they're female, they're dressed to kill and have 50-50 odds of being named Svetlana.

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There was a definite old-fashioned-ness to the gender roles. I couldn't pick up anything weighing more than ten pounds without a Russian guy appearing from nowhere and offering to get it for me. The woman giving me Russian lessons was floored to learn women do martial arts in America, and I spent a solid minute convincing a clerk that

yes, I really did want to buy the brown wallet and not the sparkly purple one.

Learning about Russian culture was very interesting, but it was even more thought-provoking to distinguish what's uniquely American from what's just human. My surroundings ranged from surreal to totally familiar. There's something reassuring about seeing a Russian nuclear physicist try to push a door that says "pull" and realizing people aren't so different.

That fly on the wall perspective defined my summer. At first I spent my free time in my room, usually reading the news (and trying not to think about it too hard), but by August my Russian had improved, and I started wandering around Moscow alone. A particularly memorable experience was going to the sky bar at the top of Swissotel. I did it because it was so outside the norm of anything I would usually do — my idea of "dressing up" is jeans instead of sweatpants, and I have no idea how to conduct myself in a bar given that I can't legally go to one in America — but I figured it would be an interesting way to leave my comfort zone and practice existing in a new environment. I dug a blazer out of my suitcase, somehow found a pair of black pants and heels that fit, and made a reservation for one on a Tuesday night.

Sure enough, it was uncomfortably fancy and full of Russian couples on date night. (My

at night that makes you start dreaming a little bigger than psets and startups and mobile apps. My mom put it well: "It's always good to air out the nerds."

I went into this summer with no idea of what to expect and ended up learning about everything from Python to geopolitics in a way that could never happen in class. The inherently cross-disciplinary nature of MISTI is a totally unique experience. It's a cliché, but to describe what I've gotten out of it, the first thing that comes to mind is "perspective." My sense of what America is in the context of the rest of the world has changed — before this summer, I had never left the country; asking me to describe the U.S. was like asking me to explain what water tastes like. After three months in which it was suddenly the most salient part of my identity, I have a much bet-

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ter idea of what "American" means, and what I want it to mean.

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Field hockey loses to Babson College in NEWMAC finals

By Margaret H. Carpenter
SPORTS STAFF

The MIT field hockey team ended its exciting run at the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) championship this Sunday with a 1-0 loss against Babson College. MIT defeated Springfield College last Tuesday with a score of 4-2 to advance to a semifinal game against Smith College on Saturday.

On Saturday, the Engineers got off to an early start against Smith when Emily Penn '18 successfully converted a penalty stroke just five minutes into the first half. This was Penn's 20th goal this season, making her the league's leading scorer. MIT quickly increased the lead six minutes later with a goal by Morgan O'Brien '17, assisted by Bailey Tregoning '19.

Early in the second half Smith managed to score, cutting MIT's lead in half, but their attempt to complete a comeback was quickly nipped in the bud by MIT players Rayna Higuchi

'20 and Bailey Tregoning. Higuchi managed to score off a pass from Tregoning, becoming the third MIT player to score and earning Tregoning another assist.

Smith scored again late in the second half but a strong defensive performance by MIT meant that they were unable to find a final equalizer and MIT won the contest 3-2, earning them a spot in the final championship game the following day. MIT ended up with more shots and shots on goal than Smith. MIT goalie Kate Brewer '20 tallied 4 saves.

The NEWMAC championship finals took place the next day, Sunday November 6 at Babson College. MIT faced off against top-ranked Babson College in an exciting game. Near the end of the first half Babson took the lead via a penalty corner. Trailing 1-0 after that score, MIT came out strong after half-time and made an offensive run, earning several penalty corners that they were unable to convert. The Engineers stayed in the game and had a last minute push near the end of the second

half but were not able to score an equalizer before time ran out.

Even with an outstanding effort by the Engineers, Babson had the advantage for most of the game and beat out MIT in time of possession, shots on goal, and penalty corners. Babson's defense, led by goalie Deirdre Barry, was rock solid throughout the competition, shutting down MIT's offense, allowing only 6 shots and 5 penalty corners.

While Babson had the ball for much more of the game, MIT's defense in front of their own goal handled the pressure well. Goalie Kate Brewer had a good game, making an outstanding save on a penalty corner late in the second half to keep MIT in the game. Katie Notarangelo '18 and Jane Coffrin '17, along with Brewer, helped keep the MIT defense strong over the course of the competition, weathering 16 penalty corner attempts and 21 shots from Babson offense, with Brewer finishing with 6 saves.

The MIT Engineers ended their regular season 11-4, and took second place at the NEWMAC championships.

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